

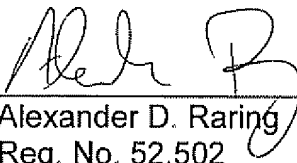
### **REMARKS**

Applicants and their undersigned attorney have carefully reviewed the Office Action of March 3, 2007 in the above-identified patent application, wherein the Examiner objected to currently pending claims 25-29 and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that claims 25-29 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. As a result, Applicant has amended independent claim 24 to include the language of claim 26. Claim 26 depended from claim 24 alone. The remaining pending claims have been amended accordingly. The amendments comply with 37 CFR 1.116(b).

Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested hereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2127.

Respectfully submitted,



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